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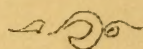


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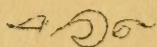
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## THE OLD CEMETERY.

THE following facts relating to the old Second Church cemetery, located near the residence of James Green, have been collected because of a desire that some permanent record of the yard might be preserved.

This lot was first used as a burying ground about the year 1680, and here stood the meeting-house of the Second Church of Christ in Scituate (now the First Unitarian Church, Norwell) from 1680 to 1707.

When the society moved its place of meeting to Herring-Brook Hill, near its present church building, the old burying ground became neglected.

Many very old stones, however, are still in good preservation, and these serve as a link to bind us back to the past.

We cannot help connecting this spot with Gray's beautiful poem, and saying with him

"Perhaps in this neglected spot is  
laid

Some heart once pregnant with celestial fire,

Hands that the rod of empire  
might have swayed

Or waked to ecstasy the living  
lyre.

Far from the madding crowd's igno-  
ble strife,

Their quiet wishes never learned  
to stray.

Along the cool sequestered vale  
of life

They kept the noiseless tenor of  
their way."

This is one of the oldest cemeteries in the country, and stones dated earlier than the William Barrel stone (1689) are rarely met with.

The church had its first burying ground at Wilson's Hill, about one mile east from this yard, as its meeting-house stood there from 1645 to 1680.

All traces of that cemetery

have been destroyed many years since by vandal hands. But few gravestones probably were erected there. One of these was recovered last spring from an old farm in Scituate, where it was located by diligent search. This is the stone of Elder Thomas King, who died in 1691. It is the wish of some members of the King family to reset this stone and also erect a historical tablet, as Elder Thomas King was the common ancestor of a very long line of descendants.

The words of Celia Thaxter in which she speaks of the graves of the Spanish sailors at the Isles of Shoals suggest themselves as appropriate to this deserted churchyard,

"Already the stones lean this way and that, and are half buried in the rank grass. Soon they will be entirely forgotten; the old, old world forgets so much! And it is sown thick with graves from pole to pole."

The oldest inscription is

HERE LYSE The  
BODY OF WILLIAM  
BARRELS WHO DIED  
NOVEMBER THE 7  
1689.

AGEED 35 YEARS

There are probably many, very

many graves here which are unmarked. A list of all the remaining headstones, with the year of the person's death, follows,

Obadiah, son of Mr. Jo--Dwelle  
D 1705, aged 9.

Mr. Thomas Crocker of Barnstable  
D 1718, aged 44.

Mrs. Lucrecy, wife to Mr. Samuel Silvs<sup>tr</sup>.  
D 1718, aged 44.

Mr. Charles Stockbridge.  
D 1731, aged 67.

Mrs. Rebecca Mountfort, Relict  
of Mr. Benj<sup>m</sup> Mountfort,  
Marchant in Boston.  
D 1727, aged 75.

Mrs. Anne Chegley, wife of Mr.  
John Chegley of Boston.  
D 1714, aged 84.

Mrs. An Jones, wife of Mr.  
Tommos Jones, who d.  
1747, aged 79.

Mr. Simeon Dwelle  
D 1723, aged 22.

Mrs. Suseanna Dwelle  
D 1729, aged 18.

Mr. John Dwelle  
D 1718,  
aged about 58.



Mrs. Grace Dwelle wife to Mr.  
Richard Dwelle, Junier.  
D 1716, aged 21.

Mrs. Marcy Turner, wife of  
Mr. John Turner. D 1757,  
in her 63<sup>d</sup> yr.

Mrs. Deborah w of Samuel  
Oakman.  
D 1795 in her 79<sup>th</sup> year.

(Partly defaced stone.) Probably—  
Mary, dau to Mr. John  
Hatch. D 1738, aged 15.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Oakman Esq.  
D 1791, aged 63.

Mrs. Mary wife to Mr. John  
Hatch, d 1750 in her  
79<sup>th</sup> year.

Samuel sun of Sam<sup>l</sup> and  
Deborah Oakman, D 1776  
aged 8 yrs. LAKING 15 days.

Mr. John Hatch.  
D. 1737, aged 73.

Seth Oakman,  
D 1759 aged 1 yr. 6 mo. & 17 days.

Mr. John Hatch, Jun.  
D 1730 in his 33<sup>d</sup> yr.

Samuel Oakman.  
D 1756, aged 3 yrs.

John, son of John Hatch, Jun.  
D Feb. 27, 1728, aged 2 months.

JOHN TURNER.  
(Foot stone only.)

Capt. John James.  
D 1761, aged 85.

RIAL TURNER.  
(Foot stone only.)

Mrs. Eunies James.  
D 1717, aged 35.

Michel Turner.  
D 1744, aged 23.

Thomas Tomlin.

Mrs. Abigail Curtis.  
(Foot stone only.)

Mr. Sammuel Randall.  
D 1723, aged 29.

Malzar Turner.  
D 1750, aged 22.

Mr. Job Randall.  
D 1727, aged about 73 yrs.

Mr. John Turner.  
D 1778 in his 86<sup>th</sup> yr.

Joseph Randall, Ju.  
D 1713, aged 37.

Capt. Joseph Barstow.  
D 1728, aged 52

Deacon Joseph Turner.  
D 1724, aged 75.

Mrs. Batshua Turner wife to  
Deacon Joseph Turner.  
D 1724, aged 83.

Mrs. Jemima, ye wife of Mr.  
David Hatch.  
D 1786 in her 73<sup>d</sup> year.

Lidia Barrel.  
D 1714, aged 62 yrs.

Mrs. Abigail Turner wife of  
Capt. Elisha Turner.  
D 1764, aged 25.

Mrs. Abigail Jankins ye vert-  
uous consort of Mr. Thom-  
as Jankins.  
D 1742, aged 76.

Mr. Hatherly Foster.  
D 1751, aged 79 years.

Mrs. Batshua Foster, ye virtu-  
ous wife of Mr. Hatherly  
Foster, D 1744 in her 66<sup>th</sup> year.

Mr. Timothy Foster.  
D 1730, aged 24.

Lieut Elisha Foster.  
D 1771, aged 62.

Mrs. Temperance ye wife of  
Li-u Elisha Forster.  
D 1777, aged 62.

Sarah ye wife of Mr. John  
Foster. D 1788, in y 47<sup>th</sup> yr  
of her Age.

John Foster.  
D 1815, aged 75 yrs. 8 mos.

Mrs. Mary Foster, widow of  
Mr. John Foster.  
D 1819, aged 67.

Foot stone: E.R. (Headstone broken)

Broken Headstone:  
April ye 15, 1713.  
---eed 35 yeares.

Foot stone:  
N. S.

*The town records show this to have  
been probably the grave of NATH-  
ANIEL STETSON.*

(The rest are of comparative-  
ly recent date.)

Peter Thatcher Tilden son of  
Thatcher Tilden.  
D 1824, aged 32.

Lucy, daughter of Thatcher  
Tilden. D 1822, aged 28.

Charles, son of Thatcher  
Tilden. D 1817, aged 2  
yrs and 9 mos.



Mrs. Lucy, wife of Thatcher  
Tilden D 1819, aged 47.

Thatcher Tilden, D 1843, aged 78

Betsey L. Tilden, D 1855, aged 78

Israel Turner, D 1849, aged 64

Betsey, dau of Israel and Mercy  
Turner, D 1844, Aet. 52.

Deborah, D 1837, aged 22.

Hannah, D 1837, aged 19.

Children of Charles and Deb-  
orah Turner.

Deborah Foster.

D 1854, aged 64.

Timothy Foster.

D 1854, aged 79.

Joseph, son of Timothy Foster.

D 1826, aged 12.

Charles, son of Timothy Foster.

D 1826, aged 17.

Hannah, wife of Timothy Foster.

D 1827, aged 54.

John Foster, D 1848, aged 80.

Abigail Southworth, his wife,

D 1857, aged 88.

Charles Ford.

D 1862, aged 91.

Lydia, his wife.

D 1862, aged 77.

Charles Ford, Jr.

D 1858, aged 55.

Zebiah, wife of Charles Ford, Jr.

D 1888, aged 90.

Lilles C. Ford, D 1891, aged 75.

Thomas Sables, who died in 1894,  
and also his wife, are buried here,  
but their graves are unmarked

The Samuel Oakman stone  
has this beautiful verse at the base.

"The wise, the just, the pious and the  
brave

Live in their deaths and flourish in  
their grave;

Grain hid in earth repays the peas-  
ant's care,

And Evening suns but set to rise  
more fair."

The reader will find one stone  
with only this inscription, "THOM-  
AS TOMLIN." The query at once  
comes "Who could this be? The  
writer accidentally came across  
a clue to this person while look-  
ing over Briggs' "History of Ship-  
Building on North River." The  
brigantine "Prudent Sarah" was  
built in 1700 and the owners  
were Capt. Thomas Tomlin and  
James Allison of the Island of  
Jamaica. Capt. Thomas Tomlin  
was also one of the owners of  
the brigantine "Sarah and Isa-  
bella" built by Robert Barker  
and Edward Wanton in 1700  
or thereabouts.

*George C. Turner.*

## THE KING STONE.

There is something extremely satisfactory in locating the graves of our ancestors. It is a duty, also, that we owe to our progenitors, to see that the spot where their bodies were laid to rest by their loving friends is kept sacredly free from wanton trespassers.

It is a sad fact that the first burying ground in that part of old Scituate which is now Norwell was broken up some sixty or seventy years since and tradition, only, tells the location of the yard.

It was with great satisfaction that the writer obtained a clue to some of the old grave-stones, and it was a great pleasure to him to carry the search to a successful culmination.

The facts cannot be better related than in the issue of the HANOVER BRANCH for Apr. 29, 1898, from which the following paragraphs are quoted.

"An interesting discovery was made at Greenbush last Saturday by Mr. George C. Turner of Norwell, who sends the particulars to this paper.

The First Unitarian Church at Norwell Centre was formed in 1642, and its first meeting-house stood on Wilson's Hill,

near the Norwell-Scituate line. Here the society began a burying ground and continued its use until late in the 17th century, when it became neglected, and finally, probably about 1830, some mercenary person pulled up the old gravestones and made the spot a mowing field.

Mr. Turner learned from conversations with aged people that some of the stones were carried to the old Chandler Clapp place in Greenbush, and put under the corners of an old corn-house. Last Saturday he visited the place with Mr. Frederic Cole and Mr. Charles O. Ellms of Scituate, and was delighted to find his surmises correct. Two stones were found, but only one had an inscription. This one is well nigh perfect, and reads as follows:

HERE LYES YE BODY  
OF THOMAS KING  
who died September 24,  
1691.  
aged about 78 years."

Elder Thomas King was born in England in 1614, and came to this country in the ship "Blessing" in 1635. He was chosen Elder of the Church to succeed Elder William Hatch. He was the common ancestor of the branch of the King family which forms the basis of the valuable "King Genealogy" published by Harvey B. King at Hartford, Conn., in 1897. He was a very prominent man and his name appears often in the early records. Let us hope that this ancient burial place will some day be properly marked.



# FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

(Founded 1642) NORWELL

Present Church Building erected 1830.

Minister, Rev. Thomas Thompson.

An earnest and cordial invitation to all the services of this church is now, as always, extended to all persons in our village, to all persons in our town, to all persons in the vicinity.

SERVICES at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 12:

Young People's Christian Union  
in Library Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

## HYMN.

(Written for the Rededication of the First Church, Pembroke, in 1893.)

*Tune, Italian Hymn.*

Church that our fathers knew,  
Church that from every pew  
Speaks of the gone!

||: Oft have they knelt to thee: ||

God of Eternity,

Thou Only One.

Here may the thoughts come fast  
That bind us to the past,

And make us true.

||: True to our high ideal. ||

O, Thou, whose love is real,  
Our Faith renew.

Church that our fathers knew,  
Church that from every pew  
Speaks of the gone!

||: Oft may we come to thee: ||

God of Eternity,

Lead Thou us on!

This letter explains itself:

Boston, June 15, 1898.

Mr. Turner,

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter received. I have searched the records of the family, and have found out who the party is. My great grandfather, Benjamin Mountfort, married Rebecca Foster of Dorchester. Benjamin died in 1714, and was buried in the Granary burying ground. His wife, Rebecca, died in 1727 and was buried in So. Scituate, the home of her grandfather.

Resp. yours.

William F. Mountfort.

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE.

Address inquiries concerning the old cemetery, church history or similar matters to

*George C. Turner,*

*River St.*

*Norwell, Mass.*

Kindly enclose stamp and I will gladly give such information as I have. I cannot, however, undertake the laborious work of searching records without charging a slight fee.

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## OLD LANDMARKS.

The old Waterman house at the corner of Pine Street was built about 1762. Tradition says that the old Lapham house was built 1717.

The old box factory on River Street was formerly the Universalist Church in Duxbury. The tower with its weather vane is still intact, but the curved windows have been boarded over. One of the old pew doors is in the house of Mrs. Eveline Torrey. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore gives a beautiful description of scenes connected with this church in her recent book, "The Story of My Life."

The following gentlemen, all of whom, except Mr. Gaffield, are descendants of persons whose mortal remains rest in the old cemetery, have contributed toward the clearing up of the yard this year.

Their help has also made possible the publication of "HISTORIA".

Mr. Hatherly Foster,  
Boston.

Mr. Charles F. Foster,  
Chester, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Thomas Gaffield,  
Norwell.

Mr. Jedediah Dwelley,  
Hanover.

Whether another number of HISTORIA is published or not will depend upon circumstances. The expense will, of course be the main obstacle.

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## ANCESTRAL PEWS.

"The Past and Present here unite  
Beneath Time's flowing tide  
Like foot-prints hidden by a brook,  
But seen on either side."

—Longfellow.

THE church where our fathers worshipped, the place where the young men and maidens, parents and children of days gone by found spiritual instruction and pleasant social companionship, should ever be the especial object of our filial respect and love.

To "call the old time back," and to furnish to the descendants of the men and women who first came to the First Parish Church as occupants of the several pews, information which may prove interesting, is the purpose of this article.

On October thirteenth, 1830, Rev. Samuel Deane preached the dedicatory sermon "in the presence" he says in his History of Scituate "of a very large assembly."

The noble character of Mr. Deane is strikingly manifested in this sermon, and those who

possess a copy have a document of rare value.

At this time the pews, exclusive of the free pews in the gallery, numbered seventy, but in 1867 extensive improvements were made in the interior of the house and ten of the pews were removed; also, at that time the remaining pews were re-numbered. The ones removed were: old numbers 1, 2, 3, 41, 42, 56, 57, 21, 22 and 23. Numbers 1, 41, 56 and 21 were the rear pews, therefore the seat of each of these remains.

In this article the present number of the pew is given in large figures, and the old number in small figures.

It is a matter of regret to the writer that the necessary limits of this article prevent him from giving the grand-children of the pew-owners in every case.

When children of the 1830 pew-owners are living, they only are given, otherwise either the grand-children or great-grand-children are given.

In 1830 several persons owned two pews. In such cases only that pew is traced which is remembered by elderly people as

the pew of the family. Space does not permit the giving of a list of the present pew owners. This information can be easily obtained by any one, and it is interesting to note that in a majority of cases the title still remains with the family.

In speaking of each pew, effort has been made to give sufficient data to clearly indicate the ancestral line.

No. 1, 43. ELISHA HAYDEN.

Mr. Hayden was a direct descendant of Joseph Hayden who settled in Scituate in 1720. One son, Charles W. Hayden, is now living in Weymouth.

There are many grand-children. *(This statement will apply as well to many of the following pews)*

No. 3, 44. BENJAMIN TURNER.

A descendant from Humphrey Turner, 1633. Children living: David S. Turner, Chelsea; Roland Turner, Scituate.

No. 4, 59. JOSEPH T. LITCHFIELD.

Probably from Lawrence Litchfield, 1646. Children living: Mrs. Mary E. Knight, Roxbury; Mrs. Martha J. Presby, Roxbury; Mrs. Cordelia Litchfield, Hingham.

No. 5, 45. SHIVERICK & ABIEL TURNER.

From Humphrey Turner, 1633. One daughter of Shiverick Turner is now living: Mrs. Sally Stockbridge. Children of

Abiel Turner living: George R. Turner, Hingham; Henry Abiel Turner.

No. 7, 46. JAMES N. SPARRELL.

From James N. Sparrell, 1766.

Children living: Charles W. Sparrell; George H. Sparrell, Pony, Montana; Mrs. Deborah C. N. Skiff, Mrs. Mary T. Turner, Mrs. Martha J. Wilcox, all of New Bedford.

No. 8, 61. JOSHUA JAMES.

From John James, 1668.

Grand-children living: Wm. E. Parmenter, Jr., Orange Park, Fla.; James P. Parmenter, Arlington.

No. 9, 42. BENJAMIN MERRITT

From Henry Merritt, 1626.

Grandchildren living: Miss Louise Phillips Merritt, Boston; Mr. Benjamin Frederic Merritt, New York.

No. 10, 62. EBENEZER STETSON

From Cornet Robert Stetson, 1634.

No descendants of Deacon "Eben" Stetson are now living.

No. 11, 48. JAMES FOSTER

From Edward Foster, 1633.

Mr. Foster must have soon transferred this pew to his father, John Foster, who occupied it as long as he lived.

Grand-children living: Chas. A. Tilden, East Boston; Mrs. Julia Turner.

No.12. 63. WILLIAM JAMES

From John James, 1668.

Children living: Albert James, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Miss Hannah Packard James, Wilkes-barre, Penn; Mrs. Welthea Alden Merritt, Boston.

No.13. 49. NATHANIEL CLAPP

From Thomas Clap, 1640.

Grand-children living: Frank Allen Clapp, Winchester; Geo. Allen Clapp, Newtonville; Arthur Winship Clapp, Roxbury; Miss Antoinette Clapp, Roxbury.

No.14. 64. SAMUEL A. TURNER

and FRANCIS TURNER

From Humphrey Turner, 1633.

One son of Samuel A. Turner is living: John Turner. Children of Francis Turner living: Francis H., Somerville; Edwin, Danversport.

No.15. 50. ANSON ROBBINS

From Nathaniel Robbins, Marshfield.

One daughter, Miss Clarissa Robbins, is now living.

No.16. 65. JOSIAH CUSHING

No children living.

No.17. 51. JOHN NASH

From Joseph Nash, 1700.

Mrs. Eliza Nash is the only child of John Nash now living.

No. 18. 66. ELIJAH B. TURNER

and WALTER FOSTER.

From Humphrey Turner, 1633; and Ed-

ward Foster, 1633.

Children of Mr. Turner now living: Mrs. Mary B. Sylvester of Hanover; Miles S. Turner, Hanover. No descendants of Walter Foster are living.

No.19. 52. SAMUEL FOSTER

From Edward Foster, 1633.

One great-grand-child is now living: Mrs. Mary L. Power.

No.20. 67. HOWARD BOWKER

Probably from James Bowker, 1680.

Children living: Miss Julia A. J. Bowker; Davis W. Bowker of Kingston; Mrs. Eveline Torrey.

No.21. 53. ELISHA FOSTER

From Edward Foster, 1633.

One son, Henry, was, a few years since, living in Berkeley, California.

No.22. 68. SAMUEL DEANE

The Pastor of the church.

Grand-children living: Harry Stannard Deane, Mrs. Kittie Eloise Blount, John Milton Deane, Miss Stella Martha Deane; all of Chicago.

This pew was afterward owned by the Delano family.

No.23. 54. E. T. FOGG.

From Samuel Fogg of Kensington, N. H.

Children living Mrs. Elizabeth A. Tryon, Roseville, N. J. Geo. P. Fogg, Brookline.

No.24. 69. LEMUEL and NATHANIEL TURNER



From Humphrey Turner, 1633.

Lemuel Turner has no descendants living. Children of Nathaniel Turner living: Miss Lucy Turner; Mrs. Frances Harlow, Marshfield.

No. 25, 55. CUSHING OTIS

From John Otis, 1661.

No descendants are now living.

No. 28, 5. FRANCIS MERRITT

From Henry Merritt, 1626.

Children living Francis Merritt, Duxbury; Mrs. Clara Curtis, Medford; Mrs. Madeline I. Perkins, E. Boston; Mrs. Martha R. Torrey, Mrs. Mary E. Litchfield, Mrs. Priscilla H. Stetson, Woburn; Ellery Channing Merritt Bryantville.

No. 29, 6. LOT LITCHFIELD.

From Lawrence Litchfield, 1646.

One son, Lot Litchfield, is now living in Pembroke.

No. 30, 7. CALVIN DAMON

Probably from John Damon, 1633.

Children living: C. Alphonso Damon, Boston.

No. 31, 8. HENRY MERRITT

From Henry Merritt, 1626.

Children living Henry Merritt, Mrs. Emeline Turner, both of Hingham.

No. 32, 9. NATHANIEL CUSHING

From John Cushing, 1662.

The only child of Nathaniel Cushing now living is Nathan Cushing.

No. 33, 10. JONATHAN HATCH

From Thomas Hatch, 1646.

Grandchildren living: Joseph H. Hatch, Cushing Hatch; Leonard C. Hatch, Hingham; George Hatch,

Scituate; Marshall Hatch, Jonathan Hatch, Scituate; Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, Whitman; Mrs. Eveline Dill, Rockland; Mrs. Hattie Curtis, Abington; and others.

No. 34, 11. GEO. W. STETSON

Descendants not traced

No. 35, 12. BAILEY JENKINS.

From Edward Jenkins, 1646.

Descendants not traced.

No. 36, 13. ELIJAH DAMON

Probably from John Damon, 1633.

One daughter, Miss Susan C. Damon, is now living in E. Boston.

No. 37, 14. HON. WILKES WOOD

Judge Wood came from Middleboro about 1828. No descendants have been traced.

No. 38, 15. HENRY BRIGGS

From Walter Briggs, 1643.

Children living: Mrs. Deborah Clapp Nash, Wellesley Hills.

No. 39, 16. PAUL BRIGGS & CO.

From Walter Briggs, 1643.

Grandchildren living: Benjamin Briggs; Geo. A. Briggs, Scituate.

This pew was afterward owned by Harrison Wilder.

No. 40, 17. LUTHER TILDEN

From Nathaniel Tilden, 1628.

Grandchildren living: Mrs. Josephine Bramen, N. York; Mrs. Julia M. Turner; Charles Albert Tilden, E. Boston; Edward Southworth, Quincy. Wm. Francis Turner, Assinippi; Mrs. Arabella Ford, Mrs. Eudora Bailey, N. Scituate; Waldo Turner, Weymouth; George Thomas Tilden, Milton; Mrs. Laura Tilden Greene, Dorchester; Wm. Phillips Tilden, Milton; Miss

Helen Lewis; Waltham.

No. 41, 18. MRS. ABIGAIL FOSTER  
From John Osis, 1661.

Mrs. Foster was the widow of Seth Foster. One daughter, Mrs. Jane Delano, is living in Brooklyn, N.Y.

No. 42, 19. CHARLES COLE  
From Ambrose Cole, 1695.

Grand-children living: Augustus Cole, Scituate; Mrs. Esther Reed, Milwaukee, Wis. Edward E. Cole, Boston; Frederic Cole, Scituate; Francis Cole, Texas; Miss Mary E. Waldron, Lynn; Elijah Weatherbee, Newton Lower Falls; Fanny (Weatherbee) Cole, Boston; Charles A. Litchfield, Andrew J. Litchfield, Miss Mary A. Litchfield.

No. 43, 20. M. FORD & LEMUEL JACOBS  
From Michael Ford, 1778.  
From Capt. David Jacob, 1688.

One son of Michael Ford is now living, Rev. David Barnes Ford of Hanover. Grand-children of Lemuel Jacobs living: B. Warren Jacobs; Mrs. Adeline Payne; Rev. David B. Ford, Hanover.

No. 45, 25. TIMOTHY FOSTER  
From Edward Foster, 1633.

One daughter, Mrs. Ellen F. James, is now living in East Boston.

No. 46, 26. SNOW BRYANT  
From John Bryant, 1639.

One son of Mr. Bryant is now living: Snow Bryant of Assinippi.

No. 47, 27. SAMUEL TURNER  
From Humphrey Turner, 1633.

Children living: Miss Caroline C. Turner; David W. Turner; Gustavus J. Turner, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Harriet Tolman; Mrs.

Maria W. Gaffield; Sam'l. Turner.

No. 48, 28. JOSHUA JACOB  
From Capt. David Jacob, 1688.  
Descendants not traced.

No. 49, 29. JOHN K. NASH.  
From Joseph Nash, 1700.

One grandchild is now living: Mrs. Mary L. Power.

No. 50, 30. LEMUEL CUSHING  
No descendants traced.

No. 51, 31. SAMUEL TOLMAN  
From Capt. Benjamin Tolman, 1709.

Grand-children living: Samuel Tolman, Hanover; Mass. Miss Anna Tolman, Hanover; Prof. Herbert C. Tolman, Nashville, Tenn.

This pew afterward owned by W. C. Litchfield and others.

No. 52, 32. ELIJAH CLAPP  
From Thomas Clap, 1640.

One son is living: Andrew Clapp.

No. 53, 33. CUSHING O. BRIGGS  
From Walter Briggs, 1643.

Children living: Lloyd Briggs, Boston; Mrs. Hannah B. James, Boston; Mrs. Mary T. Tolman, Hanover.

No. 54, 34. NATHANIEL BROOKS  
From William Brooks, 1644.

Children living: Mrs. Charlotte E. Jones; Mrs. Elvira B. Vinal, Brockton; Miss Rebecca C. Brooks; Miss Martha W. Brooks; Prof. Wm. P. Brooks, Amherst; Samuel J. May Brooks, Brockton.

No. 55, 35. ELIJAH BROOKS  
From William Brooks, 1644.

Grandchildren living: Mrs. Emma Dana Marks, Plymouth; Miss Helen Brooks Hathaway, Plymouth.

## No. 56, 36.

David Stetson, then Jas. P. Briggs.

(Not traced) || From Walter Briggs, 1643.

Children living: Mrs. Ellen Ellms;  
 Alfred B. Briggs; Andrew J. Briggs,  
 Medford; Walter E. Briggs, Boston;  
 Albert H. Briggs, Wollaston;  
 Charles E. Briggs, Boston; Mrs.  
 Adeline B. Brown, Cohasset.

## No. 57, 37. CHARLOTTE CLAPP

From Thomas Clap, 1640.

Miss Clapp was the sister of  
 Joseph Clapp, the grandfather  
 of Joseph C. Otis.

## No. 58, 38. LUCY ELLIS

Grandchildren living: Nathan  
 Phillips, Marshfield; Mrs. Grace  
 Rogers, South Boston.

## No. 59, 39. DAVID TORREY

From Lieut. James Torrey, 1640.

Children living: Mrs. Mary Robbins  
 Charlestown; Mrs. Vesta H. Turner,  
 Boston; Charles Torrey, Boston;  
 Everett Torrey, Charlestown; Frank-  
 lin Torrey, Carrara, Italy; Willard  
 Torrey.

## No. 60, 40. CHARLES FOSTER

From Edward Foster, 1633.

Two grandchildren, Charles and  
 Mary Foster, were recently liv-  
 ing in or near Boston.

## Old No. 2. DAVID BOWKER

Probably from James Bowker, 1680.

Children living: Edwin L. Bowker,  
 Waltham; Mrs. Laura Chapman,  
 Milwaukee, Wis.

## Old No. 21. JOSEPH R. TOLMAN

From Capt. Benjamin Tolman, 1709.

Grandchildren living: Joseph  
 Tolman, Maria W. Tolman,  
 Thomas J. Tolman.

The old church still stands, look-  
 ing out upon the river valley. The  
 little feet which once pattered  
 down its aisles have found their  
 way into many a noble and use-  
 ful walk in life, where new friends  
 and new scenes have interposed  
 their claims and their delights.

If this little sketch was to be  
 sent to each of the children of  
 the old meeting-house, it would  
 have to journey some four thou-  
 sand miles to the eastward to  
 reach one of the sons of pew 59,  
 and westward across our own con-  
 tinent to sunny California to find  
 one who "belongs" to pew 47.

Still, distance does not stifle  
 the affections, nor does it cloud  
 the memory, and it must often  
 happen that the thoughts of the  
 past claim supremacy over the  
 thoughts of the present, and the  
 hopes and fears, the joys and sor-  
 rows of youth, come thronging back.

And with these thoughts must  
 come the memory of the old church  
 and its associations, inspiring  
 deep emotions and loving mental  
 tributes to "the good of times past."

It is of kindred associations  
 that Whitier speaks in his ten-  
 der poem "The Meeting," when he  
 says:

"In the still waters needs must be  
 Some shade of human sympathy;  
 And here, in its accustomed place  
 I look on memory's dearest face;  
 The blind by-sitter guesseth not  
 What shadow haunts that vacant spot;  
 No eyes save mine alone can see  
 The love wherewith it welcomes me,  
 And still, with those alone my kin,  
 In doubt and weakness, want and sin,  
 I bow my head, my heart I bare  
 As when that face was living there."



Scattered through the church are many copies of "Christian Hymns" a volume published about 1851. It has been very gratifying to find some of these in their original pews, not having been transferred or taken away, although the hands which once turned their pages have long been folded in rest.

In pew 51 we find one marked: "Sally Lapham, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1853." In other pews, copies marked as follows: Pew 32, Nathaniel Cushing. Pew 52, Elijah Clapp. Pew 17, John Nash. Pew 18, E. B. Turner. Pew 23, Ebenezer T. Fogg. Pew 7, James N. Sparrell, Aug., 1851. Pew 46, Benj. Jacobs. Pew 53, Ellen C. Gardner. Pew 56, a copy with the names of all the sons of James P. Briggs.

In writing an article of this nature, one has no right to extol the virtues of any one distinguished son of the church, while ignoring others who are perhaps as worthy, but it would seem as if no writer could fail to make mention of Rev. Wm. P. Tilden, the son of Luther Tilden, as one who exemplified in his life and teachings the beauty and glory of an earnest Christian life. It was in this church and in these pews that Mr. Tilden listened to the pulpit utterances of Samuel Deane and Samuel J. May, which inspired him to lift up his eyes to the hills from whence came to him the blessed sunlight of rational religion, which it was his delight to transmit to the world.

Present-day evidence of the loyalty of the sons to the teachings

of the fathers is given by the following note from a recent Boston paper, under the head of "New Corporations."

"Unity Church, Amherst;  
William P. Brooks, President."

This is the new "college town church" of the Unitarian denomination, and the mother church here may well feel proud of her worthy son, Prof. Brooks.

When the anniversary of the dedication of the church was near at hand last fall, the suggestion was made by some one, that a service of commemoration be held, to which all the descendants of the old families should be especially invited. Such a service, carefully planned and carried out, would be one of great inspiration and value, but the sons and daughters, grandsons and grand-daughters of these "ancestral pews" should count it a duty as well as a pleasure, an obligation as well as a happy privilege, to attend divine service here *at any time*, and for them, each and all, a welcome waits.

This little article tells of a New England church, and it seems fitting in closing to quote from a sketch of New England life. The following lines are taken from "The Middle Town of Whitefield" by Helen Marshall North. They come to us with a message of faith and hope like a tender benediction.

"The patient horses toil up

and down these hills; the farmers till the soil and reap the grain; in front of the little church each Sabbath gather the families, the matrons and maids, and the gray-headed men.

And the charm and beauty of all the living and loving, all the smiling, the greeting, all the kisses and caresses is still to be found in the old, beautiful truth, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.'

George C. Turner.

## JOB RANDALL.

(Mr. Randall lived at or near the spot now occupied by the residence of Mrs. Harriet Torrey, on River St.)

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL  
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Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Mr. Turner,

Perhaps the following extract from Judge Sewall's diary may interest you:

"April 17, 1708. - Col. Hathorne, Mr. Corwin and I set out for Scituate, lodged at Job Randall's. April 18, Heard Mr. James Gardener, of Marshfield."

I presume that the Job Randall here mentioned is the one whose name appears on the third page of "Historia." Again Sewall writes under date of Apr. 25, 1719, that he set out for Scituate, and "got to Mr. Randall's about 5 o'clock."

Yours very truly,

Samuel A. Green.

## A PHOTOGRAPH.

An excellent photograph of the interior of the 1st Unitarian Church, showing some thirty-five of the pews, was taken several years ago by Mr. Joseph Greene of Dorchester. It is a remarkably clear picture, even showing the numbers upon the pews. It was taken from the gallery. I have recently ascertained that the negative is in existence, and I mention this for the benefit of those who may desire to "secure the shadow ere the substance fades."

G.C.T.

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE.

Further numbers of HISTORIA will be issued if sufficient interest is shown, and it is hoped to publish articles from several persons who are well versed in local antiquarian lore.

Thanking all who have subscribed for copies of this issue, I will gladly answer inquiries from any one interested.

George C. Turner.  
River St., Norwell, Mass.

## ERRATA.

On page 5 of HISTORIA, No. 1. (first edition) the word "rest" in the 17th line should be "rise."

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## THE QUAKER CEMETERY.

Rhoda Barker Ellis.

MEMBERS of the Society of Friends, or Quakers were at one time quite numerous in Scituate and adjoining towns.

There were two "Meeting-houses" there, both of which were used for worship.

The larger one was moved to Pembroke, where it is in use at the present time by that society. One of these churches, probably the one styled in the records "the Upper Meeting-house," stood near the old cemetery, which was formerly known as the Wanton and Rogers burying ground. It was a part of the Wanton farm, and the Wanton and Rogers families were buried here. It is probable that it was used as a burying place as early as 1661, for in that year John Rogers, the first of that name in Marshfield died, and a year or two later the wives of Edward Wanton and John Rogers, son of first named John, died also. It was a quarter of an acre in extent.

The late Calvin T. Phillips, of South Hanover, after visiting this spot, says in the "Pioneer" — "On the South Scituate side of the North River, a mile or more above Union Bridge, in a little thicket just on the river bank, stands one solitary headstone marking the site of the old Wanton and Rogers burying ground. It is a lovely spot, where a bend in the river brings into view a long reach, both above and below.

Here beyond sight and hearing from the highway, it may indeed be said that 'all the air a solemn stillness holds.' The dirges and muffled drum-beats of Decoration Day never break the quiet of the place, nor prompt friendly hands to clear away the briars from the neglected and leaf-covered graves.

But this burial place was not always the lonely spot it now seems, for when it was used it was within the limits of the farm of Edward Wanton, one of the most enterprising as well as wealthy business men of the colony. The Wanton house and ship-yard were near by, and the river was the great highway.

In 1705, Wanton, having lived here for more than forty years, and now growing old, deeded to his son Michael, his home lot of 82 acres. Two years later we find mention of the burial place when Michael Wanton deeds back to his father Edward Wanton of Scituate and John Rogers senior of Marshfield, 'a certain piece or parcel of land containing a quarter of an acre, lying and being in Scituate, for a burying place for them, the said Wanton and Rogers, their heirs and assigns, families and posterities forever, to bury their dead in from time to time, and for no other use whatsoever. Being that parcel of land lying towards the north-east from my dwelling house, which hath been and still is used and fenced in for a burying place, to continue the same breadth as it is now fenced towards the north-east until it make up the quantity of a quarter of an acre, with a foot-way or privilege to pass on foot from the said house to the burying place aforesaid, and back again, as there shall be occasion.

The venerable Edward Wanton was himself buried here, in 1716. The remains of the succeeding generations of the Wanton family occupy less obscure graves, two of Edward's sons having been governors

of Rhode Island, and two of his grandsons having also held that office.

It seems strange that such a careful historian as Deane should have written of the old Friends' burial ground in 1831 that 'no lettered stone is seen there', when even now the head-stone of Mary Webb is entire, and a part of another is in place inscribed

—ed ye 10<sup>th</sup> day

—Month —1720 aged 19

According to the statement of old people living near, there must have been still more stones standing when Mr Deane was in Scituate. Did he never visit the place?

The inscription on the Webb stone is

MARY WEBB ye W(ife)  
of EDWARD WEBB of Boston  
died ye 23<sup>d</sup> 8 mo 1708.

When Michael Wanton's children sold the old place in 1745, the burial place is mentioned as follows — 'And excepting also out of the aforesaid 79 acres, the burying place containing one quarter of an acre to be and remain a burying place forever for all persons whomsoever, with full egress and regress for all persons to and from said burying ground.' "

We find in the Will of Thomas Rogers, son of John, second, the following:



"It is my mind and Will that my said two sons pay all my just debts and funeral charges, and legacies aforesaid, and also to fence in the burying place that lies in Scituate, near the dwelling house that was Michael Wanton's, deceased."

There is a tradition of these Rogers families that they are descended from the Martyr John Rogers, who was burned at the stake in Smithfield, England, in 1555. No traces, however, have yet been found to verify this, nor can any record of the Martyr's family be found. John Rogers (son of first John) to whom we refer in connection with Edward Wanton and the burial place, was born in England and came with his father to this country. He married Rhoda, daughter of Elder Thomas King. After her death, he married a second, and again a third time, leaving seven children.

The stub of a stone now standing in the old cemetery is at the grave of Judah Butler, son of Johanna Butler, who was a daughter of John Rogers, second. Her husband was Judah Butler of Falmouth.

Surely the least we can do is to preserve this spot sacred, and save it from oblivion, marking it in some suitable manner in memory of the brave men and women who helped build for us the foundations upon which the life and liberties of

this great nation stand today.

We hope the time is not far off when these memorials of the past will be cherished by their descendants, and saved from destruction at the hands of vandals and curiosity hunters.

#### THE WANTON-ROGERS BURYING GROUND TODAY.

The present condition of the cemetery as observed by a visitor to the spot on March 28, is little different from that of the past few years. The Mary Webb stone stands leaning against a stump and little Judah Butler's grave is still marked by the fragment referred to in Miss Ellis' article. There are several stubs of stones, and these are probably in their original positions. This is cause for congratulation, for they preserve the exact location of this little cemetery which has suffered such grievous wrongs. The adjoining land, the owners of which have at times claimed the title to the cemetery, has changed hands twice during the last few years, and the farm of which this land is now a part is soon to be sold again at public auction. Let us hope that no transfers of the neighboring lands will in any way work injury to the place of interment of these prominent early settlers, for it is cruel injustice to their memory if some of their descendants do not take measures to protect this spot. It should be marked by a tablet or monument, for, one fourth mile from the nearest house, one half mile from the nearest highway, it is rarely visited and known to but few. This number of HISTORIA brings it into the knowledge of the general public again, and temporary interest will thus be aroused. Must it be again forgotten?

G. C. T.

## BAPTISMS BY REV. WILLIAM WETHERELL,

the first Pastor of the South or Second Church in Scituate, which is now the First Unitarian Church, Norwell. The earliest records in the pastor's own handwriting give his name as Wetherell. Mr. Deane writes the name Wetherell in almost every instance. Perhaps the pastor changed the "e" to "i" in his later writings. The curious arrangement of dates is on account of the fact that the English nation did not adopt the Gregorian calendar until 1752, therefore in 1645 the new year began with March 25. These baptisms are published for the first time.

A Catalogue of the names of all such as have been baptized by Guilielmo Wetherell, Pastor to ye Church, since his election into office in Septbre, 1645.

## Anno 1645.

Sarah ye daughter of Will Wetherell	}	Septbr ye 7.
Hopestill ye sonn of Elisha Besby		
Thomas ye sonn of Thomas King		
Deborah ye daughter	} of George Willard	Sept 14.
Daniel ye sonne		
Hannah ye daughter of Will Brook		
Joseph, Benjamin, Thomas, sons of Robt Studson		Oct 5.
Joshua ye sonn of Geo. Willard		Novemb 2.
Joanna ye daughter of Ephraim Kempton		" 9.
Sarah, Joseph, Hanna, ye children of Will Randall		" 23.
John ye sonn of Elisha Besby		Decemb 21.
Samuel ye son of Resolved White	}	March 15.
Rebecca ye daughter of Tho Lappham		
Sarah ye " of John Stockbridge		

## Anno 1646.

Nathaniel ye sonne of Will Brook	1646.	March 29.
Comfort } ye son and daughter of Thomas Starr	} June 7.	
Elizabeth }		
Hanna ye daughter of Widdow Hatch		" 14.
Sarah }	} ye daughters of Gilbert Brook	} June 21.
Elizabeth }		
Samuel ye son of Robt Studson		July 12.
Lydia ye daughter of George Sutton		Sept. 13.
Hanna ye daughter of William Wetherell		Febr 28.
William ye sonne of James Torrey		March 21.

## 1647

Mary and William ye children of Willm Parker	1647.	May 16.
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William ye sonn of James Adams	May 23.
Martha ye daughter of William Parker	June 13.
Hesther ye daughter of John Stockbridge	July 11.
Resolved ye sonn of Resolved White	Novemb 14.
Patience ye daughter of Ephraim Kempton	Novemb 21.
Mary daughter of William Brook	Novemb 28.
William ye son of William Randall	Jan 2.
Daniel ye sonn of Thomas King	Febr 13.

1648.

1648.

Nathaniel ye sonn of Abraham Prebble	Apr 9.
John ye sonn of Robt Studson	May 7.
Mary ye daughter of Elisha Besby	Sept 10.
Joseph ye sonn of Thomas Lappham	Sept 24.
Sarah ye daughter of George Sutton	Decemb 3.

1649.

1649.

Joseph ye sonn of James Torry	March 25.
Joseph ye sonn of Richard Garret	Apr 1.
Ephraim ye sonn of Ephraim Kempton	Apr 8.

Jonathan } Joseph }	ye sonns of John Turner, Senior }	May
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Patience daughter of William Parker	May 6.
Anna ye daughter of James Adams	May 20.
Anna ye daughter of Resolved White	June 10.
Mary ye daughter of Gilbert Brook	July 15.
Elizabeth ye daughter of Thomas Courtis	Aug 19.
John ye sonn of James Baits	October 7.
Margaret ye daughter of George Bastow	Febr 24.

1650.

1650.

Naomi ye daughter of Richard Sylvester	Apr 14.
John ye sonne of William Randall	Apr 28.
Eunice ye daughter of Robt Studson	May 19.
Sarah the daughter of Thomas King }	May 26.
Sarah ye daughter of Wllm Brook }	
Rachel ye daughter of Gilbert Brook	July 7.
Deborah ye daughter of William Barstow	Aug 18.
Sarah ye daughter of George Sutton	Sept 15.
Nathaniel ye sonne of Mr. Joseph Tilden	Sept 29.
Ezekiell ye son of John Turner, senior	January 19.
Manasseh ye sonne of Ephraim Kempton	Febr 9.
Hannah ye daughter of Walter Hatch	Mar 23.
John, Hannah, } Sarah, Mary. }	the children of John Bryant Mar 23.

To be continued in JUNE HISTORIA.



## ANOTHER OF THE WILSON HILL GRAVESTONES FOUND.

This is the CORNELIUS BRIGGS stone.

Wilson Hill, near the Scituate line, was the site of the meeting-house of the Second Church in Scituate, and the church began a burying-ground here in 1644. The society removed to a new location in 1680, and in time the little burying-ground became neglected, and early in the present century vandal hands destroyed all traces of the cemetery, making the spot a level field. In April, 1898, one of the old grave-stones was found in Scituate, under an old corn-barn.

A full account of the search for and finding of this relic was given in *HISTORIA*, No. 1, so we will here simply give the inscription upon it, which is

Here Lyes Ye Body  
of THOMAS KING  
who died September 24  
1691  
aged about 78 years.

The recent discovery of the Briggs stone was made through the efforts of Mrs. Phebe Turner and Mr. Edward W. Humphrey, aided by information furnished by Mr. John Turner.

Mr. Turner, when a young man, was one day gunning in the vicinity of Wilson Hill, and came across a fragment of a gravestone.

Surprised at the circumstance he inquired, on reaching home,

of his father, Hon. Samuel A. Turner, why such a stone should be in that vicinity. Mr. Turner, senior, was much interested, and the stone was removed to the Turner homestead but the many decades since then had almost caused it to be entirely forgotten by those who knew of it. One day last February, Mr. Turner mentioned it in conversation with the publisher of *HISTORIA* and search was at once made, finally resulting in success.

The inscription is imperfect, as the stone is only an uneven fragment. It is as follows:

CORNELIUS BRIGGS  
Dec<sup>d</sup> October 8 20  
In The 47<sup>th</sup> Year OF  
HIS AGE, 1694.

An Ensign in King Philip's War, the common ancestor of the Briggs ship-builders, one of whom built the famous ship "Columbia," the first vessel to visit the north-west coast of our country, the ship from which the Columbia River takes its name, the first American vessel to circumnavigate the globe; still "the frail memorial erected nigh" proved powerless "his bones from insult to protect," and the mortal remains of this one, and many more of Scituate's first settlers, lie in unmarked graves.

Rev. Samuel Deane says of this burying-ground "Here were buried the earliest generations of the Cushings, the Kings, the Torreys, the Hatchs,

the Robinsons. with Mr. With-  
erell, their first pastor.

Duxbury's people searched for  
and found Myles Standish's  
grave. Will the descendants of  
Norwell's first settlers allow the  
Wilson Hill yard to go forever un-  
marked?

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## THE DARK DAY.

" 'Twas on a May-day of the far  
old year,

Seventeen hundred eighty, that there fell,  
Over the bloom and sweet life of the Spring,  
Over the fresh earth and the heaven of  
noon,

A horror of great darkness like the night,  
In day of which the Norland sagas tell,  
The Twilight of the Gods. The low-hung  
sky

Was black with ominous clouds."

— Whittier.

THE "dark day" means in New  
England history, May 19, 1790, when  
fowls went to roost at midday,  
and candles were lighted in the  
houses.

In two different ways the mem-  
ory of this phenomenal manifest-  
ation has been preserved in this  
vicinity.

A family tradition, the truth  
of which no one has any reason  
to doubt, says that the Samuel  
Oakman house (now the resi-  
dence of Wm. L. Cushing) just  
over the river in Marshfield,  
was "raised" upon that day.

In the old Foster house (torn  
down in 1898) lived at that time  
Mr. John Foster, and this entry  
from his family Bible, now in  
the possession of his great-

grandson, Charles F. Foster of  
Chester, Pa., is interesting:

"May the 19<sup>day</sup> 1780, a day  
of darknes & the following Night  
also Remarcable so."

It is said that the obscura-  
tion did not begin until about  
ten in the forenoon, so who  
knows but that the sturdy early  
risers of that time had the Oak-  
man house well framed and se-  
curely "trunnelled" at that hour.

Very likely Mr. Foster was at  
the raising, and perhaps on the  
rapid approach of darkness he  
hastened home across the ferry  
or in his own boat and climbed  
the long hill wondering all the  
time what the gathering black-  
ness meant.

Frightened? No! There may  
be persons who believe that  
the early Fosters were not men  
of stalwartness and courage,  
but the writer is not one of  
them.

G.C.T.

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## REV. SAMUEL DEANE,

in his preface to the family sketches  
in his history, said

Though many of the families  
in our catalogue cannot exhibit  
a line of illustrious names, yet they  
are such as partook in the perils of  
founding and defending this coun-  
try, in times when courage, con-  
stancy and patience were indeed  
common virtues but not the less  
admirable to us for being com-  
mon at that time. There needs  
be no apology for attempting to  
preserve the genealogies of

those families who occupied these hills in those early times; it is all the nobility we have; and it is nobility enough, when we can trace our descent from the fathers of New England.

Few subjects are more agreeable than that of contemplating the characters of the men who first broke the soil which we now cultivate, and few things can more excite the imagination than to muse upon the spot where they lighted their domestic fires, or to walk over the green turf that covers their remains.

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#### ERRATA.

HISTORIA is to be paged consecutively, therefore Number 2. should begin with Page 9. On Page 10 two errors occur—In first column, JOHN HAYDEN should be JOSEPH HAYDEN, and in second column, line 30, the word "brother" should be "father." We hope readers will make these corrections in their own copies.

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OF  
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and some of his descendants."

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#### PUBLISHER'S COLUMN.

A few orders have been received for copies of HISTORIA Number One and Number Two. I shall order a new edition of each of these just as soon as enough orders are received to warrant the expense.

It may be well to state here that these numbers contained the articles "THE OLD CEMETERY." (with inscriptions, 1689-1891.) "THE KING STONE" and "ANCESTRAL PEWS."

I feel justified in asking in behalf of HISTORIA, the support of all persons interested in the history of this section.

HISTORIA is not the product of any far-sighted plan or scheme, therefore it needs the subscriptions of many more persons to insure its continuance.

Personally, I am glad that I have given so much time to this work, as it seems to me a very important one.

Hoping to receive many new subscriptions, I remain,

Yours Respectfully,

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## PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S SCITUATE ANCESTOR.

AT this time, while the fad for historical and genealogical research is at its height, while so many people are endeavoring to establish the proof that their ancestors fought in the Revolution or came over in the Mayflower; and every bit of history is being eagerly sought out and preserved, it may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that one of the ancestors of the great War President, Abraham Lincoln, was at one time a resident of Scituate, and that President Lincoln was descended from the Lincolns of the Old Colony. It is only quite recently that the descent was satisfactorily traced, but the fact now seems settled. Mr. Shackford and the History of Hingham assert it, and Mr. John T. Morse in his "Life of Lincoln" accepts it. Nicolay and Hay also consider it probable.

Samuel Lincoln, of Hingham, was the first of the line in America, and it is through his son Mordecai that Scituate can claim a part of the honor. The History of Hingham says: "Mordecai Lincoln, the son of Samuel, was born in Hingham, June 14, 1657. He married for his first wife Sarah Jones, dau of Abraham

and Sarah (Whitman) Jones of Hull. His second wife was the widow Mary Gannett, probably of Scituate. He died suddenly Nov. 1727, in his 71 year."

His son Mordecai born April 24, 1686 inherited 110 pounds and removed to Monmouth County, New Jersey and afterwards to Pennsylvania. His son John, in turn, pushed south into Virginia, and settled in Augusta County, in that part which was later set off as Rockingham County.

This John had five sons, John, Thomas, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Abraham settled in North Carolina and married. His family were neighbors of and intimate with the Boones, and according to Nicolay and Hay it was this intimacy that probably caused him to give up his home in North Carolina and remove to Kentucky.

He was a man of average means and entered several valuable tracts of public land in that state, which was at the time being rapidly settled by men from Virginia and Carolina. He did not live long to enjoy the possession of his new found home, being killed by



a lurking Indian while at work in a field near his cabin.

He left three sons, Mordecai, Josiah and Thomas the father of President Lincoln.

Thomas was a carpenter by trade — a rolling stone by choice. After changing his residence several times within the borders of Kentucky, he crossed over into Indiana, and later settled in Illinois. Tersely written, the line of descent is —

1. Samuel, of England and Hingham.
2. Mordecai, of Scituate.
3. Mordecai, of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
4. John, of Virginia.
5. Abraham, of North Carolina and Kentucky.
6. Thomas, of Kentucky/Indiana and Illinois.
7. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States.

A historian remarks that through six successive generations all save one were pioneers in the settlement of new countries. Oddly enough, that one exception is the subject of our sketch, Mordecai, of Scituate.

It almost seems as if the Nomadic instincts of the Israelites were inherited by this branch of the Lincoln family along with the fondness for Abraham as a first name. At least they displayed the Anglo-Saxon love of land and love of wandering in a very marked

degree, for we find them perpetually pulling up stakes and moving on to newer lands, the type of men who have made our country what it is today.

It is also interesting to note that while bit by bit the Lincolns became more illiterate, and dropped lower in the social scale as they traversed wilderness and prairie in search of home and fortune, that at last there could come from such degenerate stock a son who would be called the noblest in the land. And it argues well for the pristine generations of the Old Colony that the good could at last assert itself.

But to return to the subject of our sketch. Deane says Mordecai settled at Bound Brook Bridge in 1700, and erected mills. Bigelow's History of Cohasset says that he erected iron works about 1703, at Bound Brook, where Turtle Island is formed by the divided and reunited stream. Bound Brook, by the way, is an historic little stream, as it was for some time a part of the boundary between the Plymouth and the Mass. Bay Colonies. To this day after the lapse of nearly two hundred years the mills on the old site are known as the Lincoln Mills.

It is to be regretted that Deane, writing 1830, could not have given us a more definite

account of the Lincolns of Scituate. From the general accuracy of his work, anything that he might have discovered at that time would have been of great interest and value, and he would undoubtedly have done so could he have known that somewhere in the great West was growing up a President of the United States, whose ancestry would be traced back to these same Lincolns.

One bit of information, that Mordecai, Jr., married a daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Eells, is interesting to the members of the South Parish.

It would also be interesting to know whether the Abraham Lincoln whom Briggs' History of Ship-Building on North River speaks of as part owner of the sch. "Three Friends" in 1797 was a descendant of this branch or not. He certainly has one of the characteristic fore names of the family.

The lapse of time and the paucity of written matter prevents us from knowing what sort of man this Mordecai Lincoln was. But the fact that he established saw and grist mills and that he was the owner of iron works shows that he was a very useful man in his day and generation. A generation by the way that depended on the few saw mills

for boards with which to build their houses, on the scattered grist mills for the very bread that they ate, and that prized a bit of iron as highly as we of this generation prize gold and silver. He was also possessed of a reasonable amount of wealth as wealth was considered then, his will showing him to have been a man of considerable means.

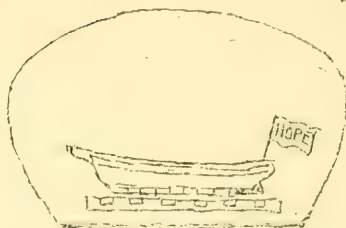
As to his moral character and the reputation he bore we have no means of knowing; there are none left to tell his virtues; none to tell his faults. The hand of time has smoothed away almost all the traces that he ever existed, and the grass has for nearly two centuries grown over his last resting place in Groveland cemetery, North Scituate. But it need not be said that he lived in vain, for who knows but what some of the strongest and best qualities of President Lincoln were inherited from his Scituate ancestor.

*Joseph Foster Merritt.*

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"Time, what an empty vapor 'tis;  
And days how swift they are—  
Swift as an Indian arrow  
Fly on like a shooting-star;  
The present moment's just at hand,  
Then slides away in haste,  
So that we never can say they're  
ours  
But only mourn the past."  
—Abraham Lincoln.

# THE FIRST PARISH CEMETERY.



ENTERING at the southern gateway of the First Parish Cemetery at Norwell Centre, the visitor's attention is at once attracted by a marble gravestone bearing the sculptured image of a ship upon the stocks.

This is erected at the grave of Luther Tilden, one of the old North River ship-builders. Seeming to speak of an immortal voyage, it inspires hopeful, uplifting thoughts and gives a sacred charm to the spot. The inscription upon it is

LUTHER TILDEN

Died

Mar 6 1857

Ae 80

PHILENDA BROOKS

his wife

Died Mar 7, 1837

Ae 58.

SARAH BENSON

his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife

died Jan 13, 1862.

Ae 67

Mr. Tilden's first wife was the daughter of Capt. William Brooks, who lived on the place now known as Riverdale Farm.

Their second son was Rev. William Phillips Tilden, in whose life and ministry the people of Norwell feel such an honorable pride, and it is from his autobiography that

we quote these lines;

"The next spring, March 7, 1837, my dear mother died. She had been slowly declining for two or three years. But oh, she was so good and true, so unselfish and loving, it was hard to let her go, even to Heaven! She was a sweet soul,—everything to father, everything to her children.

In her days of health, she was bright, full of humor and Brooks wit, the life of company, and making all around her happy.

She knew, as every true wife and mother knows, how much she was needed, and longed to stay. She had suffered so much and so long that the suffering had impressed itself upon her face. But when the angel of death had gently taken the spirit out of the sick form, and touched the wan cheeks with his celestial fingers, the old sweet look came back again.

She was young and fair once more, and a sweet smile rested on the dear face. It was a real comfort to look upon her. It was not death. It was rest in a higher life." . . . . .



... "March 6, 1857, my father died at South Scituate. He was eighty years old the January before. He was a good father, a kind husband, a dear lover of his home. . . . Dear, precious father, peace to thy risen spirit."

Near the Tilden stone are the graves of Laban and Betsey Souther, with these inscriptions

(2) To the Memory  
of Mrs. Betsey  
wife of Mr. Laban  
Souther. Died Nov  
9, 1832  
aged 71 years

(3) To the Memory  
of Mr. Laban  
Souther. Died  
Dec 19, 1840  
aged 78 years.

Several years ago, a Minnesota gentleman returned from a visit to this cemetery with the story of a remarkably interesting inscription which he had found, and read from his notes these quaint and deeply pathetic lines which are to be found upon the Mary Bryant stone near the Delano tomb.

HERE LYES YE BODY  
OF MRS MARY BRIANT  
WIFE OF MR THOMAS BRIANT  
WHO DYED NOVEMBER THE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
1724 & IN HAR ARMS DOTH  
(4) LYE YE CORPS OF TWO  
LOVELY BABES BORN OF HAR  
8 DAYS BEFORE HAR DEATH  
ONE A SON NATHANIEL DYED YE DAY  
BEFORE HAR A DAUGHTR NAMED  
HANNAH DYED A FEW OURS AFTER HAR.

Near at hand are four other Bryant stones, one being that of Rev Lemuel Bryant of Quincy. It was Mr. Bryant who vexed Rev.

Nathaniel Eells when preaching for him one Sunday by indulging in certain advanced "liberal speculations" in a sermon upon the text "all our righteousnesses are filthy rags." Mr. Eells said "Alas! Sir, you have undone today all that I have been doing for forty years." Mr. Bryant made a graceful reply, "Sir, you do me too much honor, in saying, that I could undo in one sermon the labors of your long and useful life."

In continuing with the inscriptions we will say that all those appearing in this chapter are taken from that section of the yard which lies southerly and southeasterly from the Delano tomb enclosure, excepting only the Damon stones, which are given because of their connection with Rev. Nath<sup>l</sup> Eells.

(5) Here lyes buried the body  
of THOMAS BRIANT ESQ  
WHO departed this life Decr  
18<sup>th</sup>, 1748. Aetatis 74.

(6) Here lyes Interred the body  
of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Lemuel Bryant  
who departed this life October  
the 1<sup>st</sup> 1754  
Aetatis 32 years.

(7) (Fragment)  
— HO DIED  
— IRY THE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1757  
in the 6 year  
of his age.

(8) HERE lyes the body  
of Rhoda Bryant Daughter of  
Mr. Peleg & Mrs Mary Bryant  
who died July ye. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1752  
Aetatis 3 years.

(9) Here lyes buried the body of  
Deacon John James who died  
September the 3<sup>d</sup>, 1764, in the  
56 year of his age.

- (10) Here lyes the body of Mrs Sarah James wife of Mr John James Junr who died September the 25<sup>th</sup> 1761 aged 29 years.

- Here lyes the body of John James Son of Mr John James Junr and Mrs Sarah James who died October the 15<sup>th</sup> 1761. aged 2 year and 2 months.

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(Nearly obliterated)

- Erected in memory of Deac<sup>n</sup>  
(12) John James who died Oct<sup>r</sup> the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775 in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

- Here lyes ye body of Hannah ye daugh<sup>r</sup> of Deac<sup>n</sup> John James & Hannah his wife. She died Dec<sup>r</sup> ye 30<sup>th</sup> 1782 in ye 15<sup>th</sup> year of her age

- In memory of Mrs  
(14) Hannah James wife of Deac<sup>n</sup> John James who died Nov 17, A.D 1816, aet 77 years.

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The Nichols monument with its brief inscriptions "TAKEN PRISONER" and "KILLED AT PETERSBURGH" tells the story of a South Scituate mother who gave two of her boys to her country.

**B. NICHOLS**

BENJ NICHOLS

1808 - 1887

SOPHRONIA NICHOLS

1815 - 1895

"She has gone to heaven before us  
But she turns and waves her hand  
Pointing to the glories o'er us  
In that happy, happy land."

- (15) Children. 1

ELIAS O.

1839

TAKEN PRISONER 1864.

Addison F.

1843

Killed at Petersburg 1864.

Alfred

1852 - 1881

Mary E. his wife,  
died 1875

ELIAS PINCIN

1789 - 1874.

BETSEY C.  
his wife

1797 - 1881.

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Next we will record a stone erected above a grave sacred to all who care for the South Parish Church, and we earnestly advise all who read this to read the very excellent account of Mr. Eells in Deane's History, pages 197 - 201, believing that they will get a great deal of satisfaction from this study of his life.

- HERE LIES THE BODY  
OF YE REV<sup>d</sup> NATH<sup>l</sup> EELLS  
PASTOR OF THE SECOND CHURCH  
OF CHRIST IN SCITUATE  
(16) who dyed August ye 25<sup>th</sup>  
1750 in the 73<sup>d</sup> year of his  
age and in ye 47<sup>th</sup> of his  
Ministry.

Blessed are the dead which  
die in ye Lord.

- Here lyes the body of  
Mrs Hannah Eells  
the wife of Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Nathaniel  
(17) Eells who died May ye 2<sup>d</sup>  
1754 aged 75 years.  
Blessed are the dead which  
die in the Lord.

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Mr. Eells' daughter Anna Lenthal married Zechariah Damon 1748 and from her have descended the Damons of Hanover who trace their line back to Eells Damon son of Zechariah. Because of these facts we give the inscriptions upon four Damon stones which stand to the north of the E. Bailey Turner lot. These are not erected at the graves of the persons named above; but they must have been of the same

family and closely related, as the little girl was named Anna Linthal.

- Here lyes the body of Mrs  
(18) Mehitable Damon wife of  
Mr. Zechariah Damon who died  
October 3<sup>d</sup> aged 82.

- Here lyes the body of Mr  
(19) Zechariah Damon who  
died June the 6<sup>th</sup> 1764  
in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of his age

- In memory of Mrs.  
(20) Desire Damon wife of  
Mr Calvin Damon who  
died Febr'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1789  
in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

- In Memory  
(21) Anna Linthal Damon  
daughter of Mr Calvin  
and Mrs Desire Damon  
who died Octbr ye 14<sup>th</sup>  
1787 in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of her  
age.

At the southern boundary of the  
yard are two tombs inscribed as  
follows.

CHARLES COLE  
1788

and

S.A. TURNER 1846 | W.H. TILDEN

In the Turner-Tilden tomb en-  
closure is the following stone  
which is probably a cenotaph.

- Sic Transit Gloria Mundi;  
(22) Sacred to the Memory of  
Capt. Charles H Turner  
Master of the brig Fanny  
of Boston.

Born at Scituate Nov 21, 1790.  
Died at Matanzas in the Island  
of Cuba, Aug 26, 1821.  
aet 31 years.

Near the grave of Rev. Nathl Ellis  
are three Cushing stones lettered as  
follows.

- Here lyes interred the body of  
(23) Deacon Joseph Cushing who dyed  
Decembr ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1760 and in  
the 84<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

- Here lies interred ye body  
(24) of Joseph Cushing Esquir  
who departed this life  
January the 2<sup>d</sup> 1767 &  
in ye 56 year of his age.

- Mr Joseph Cushing  
(25) ye Third, died January the  
8<sup>th</sup>, 1766 & in the 33<sup>d</sup> year  
of his age

- Here lyes buried the body  
(26) of Dea<sup>n</sup> George King  
who died June the 16<sup>th</sup> 1754  
in the 72 year of his age

- Mrs Deborah King  
(27) wife of Dea<sup>n</sup> George  
King who dyed May  
17<sup>th</sup>, 1758, & in ye  
73<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

To be continued in August  
- HISTORIA -

## BAPTISMS BY REV. WILLIAM WETHERELL.

the first pastor of the South or Second Church in Scituate.  
(continued from April HISTORIA.)

1651.

Richard ye sonne of James Adams }  
Martha ye daughter of Elisha Besby }  
Mary }  
Eliza } ye daughters of Henry Adverd  
Sarah }  
Damaris ye daughter of James Torrey  
John the son of Richard Garrett  
Martha ye daughter of John Bryant  
Lois ye daughter of Robt Studson

1651.

Apr 27.

June 29

Novemb 2

Novemb 30

March 7

March 21

(To be continued in August HISTORIA,  
two pages of which will be devoted to these records.)

# A LETTER WRITTEN BY SAMUEL DEANE in 1821.

(The dignified, courteous language of this letter makes its preservation desirable. The delicate compliment to woman's benevolent disposition is an especially graceful sentiment. The cloak referred to was a surplice, or black gown.)

Scituate, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Dear Madam:

I desire to present my grateful acknowledgements to you and the other ladies who have so kindly contributed to my comfort by enabling me to purchase a Cloak. I accept your bounty not only as an expression of your regard to the comfort of your Pastor, but also to his external appearance, a matter not to be wholly disregarded. And still more do I value your bounty because it is another happy token of those benevolent affections which have forever been most lively in the female heart.

While you are thus careful for my external comfort and appearance, you will give a new impulse to my exertions to acquire those mental qualifications by which alone I can repay your kindness, by becoming more useful to you in my profession.

I have no wish so dear, as that of being able to devote myself more fully to your service,

and that of my people.

Your obliged and affectionate pastor,

Samuel Deane.

To Mrs. Evelina Bowker,  
Scituate.

(Now in the possession of her daughter, Mrs. Eveline Torrey.)

## *Publisher's Column.*

It seems as if HISTORIA deserved a generous support. It has published and will publish many facts, which, but for its aid, would go into oblivion. I do not like to appeal for support but the financial problem is ever present, and I feel justified in asking for prompt remittances from those who are in arrears and continued support from those who have helped.

I hope to publish the new edition of No. 1, in July, and would welcome subscriptions to that end. No. 2, I cannot republish until more order copies. Will not some son or daughter of the old church help in this undertaking?

No. 5, to be published in August, will contain a beautiful sketch of Rev. Samuel J. May's South Scituate ministry, by Miss Susan C. Damon, entitled "HAPPY AND HELPFUL MEMOIRIES."

Respectfully,

GEORGE C. TURNER.


Riverdale Farm,  
Norwell, Mass.



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## HAPPY AND HELPFUL MEMORIES.

SUSAN C. DAMON.

YES—Happy because Helpful, and Helpful because Happy—for surely such has been the memory of Rev. Samuel J. May, whose beaming face, so radiant with the true Christ-like spirit of helpful love cast its inspiring light on my young life, when he first came to the Unitarian Church in South Scituate, in 1836.

A new life seemed opened to me and all others through his uplifting services in the Church, and his Christian sympathy and true friendship in our homes; that warm and full hand grasp and genial smile penetrated far deeper the hidden life of every soul than volumes of high-sounding words.

His church services were very impressive, there was such a depth of true, honest, untiring zeal in the Master's cause. It was not the form of religion he advocated, but the real spirit.

He believed most thoroughly in baptism, but believed that one drop of pure water was as effectual as an ocean. However, if any one thought differently he acceded to their wish-

es, and when Miss Mary Merritt thought immersion the only true baptism, he gave her baptism in the North River.

One of his first efforts was to establish a Sunday School, and in a very short time the two rows of pews in the center of the church were filled with eager, upturned faces, to catch the welcome, radiant smile of his face, and with close attention listen to the very impressive lesson given by story, or bible truth, in the opening exercises.

And rich indeed was the blessing to every child and youth who entered there. One of his most impressive lessons was that of "Overcoming Evil with Good," and he gave to the Library six volumes of a book entitled "A Kiss for a Blow," so anxious was he that every child should read it.

This was the spirit he was constantly carrying out in his whole life. I once heard him tell of his experience when travelling in New Hampshire on a lecture tour. He was obliged to ride through a long

piece of woods which had a great reputation for robbers. Just as he was about halfway through, a very rough-looking man rushed from a thicket toward his horse's head, when Mr. May, reining in his horse, said "Well, sir! You seem to be going my way. I am alone, jump in; shall be happy to have your company."—Rather amazed, the man got in, and was soon listening to Mr. May's pleasant and interesting stories. At first the man was very reticent but finally quite sociable, and when the village was reached he said, "I will now leave you," and giving his hand a warm clasp as he left the carriage, said, "You can never know the great benefit you have done me." Mr. May had good reason to believe that the man's evil intentions had been overcome by his kindness.

The same spirit was manifest in his parish life. One gentleman was so opposed to him on account of his great earnestness in the temperance cause that he would not go with his family to church, so Mr. May would always take pains to send him word when he was to exchange, that he might then have the privilege of attending.

Mr. May aroused the whole town—which was then a very extensive township—in the cause of Temperance. He formed a company of five hundred children and youth into a "Cold Water Army" under the

pledge:

"So here we pledge perpetual hate  
To all that can intoxicate."

This was printed on white satin ribbon bearing a beautiful design, and each one wore one of these as a badge. Then we had a large number of banners of various designs, and with very impressive mottoes. — On one I remember was a fine picture of a sheaf of grain and bunch of grapes with the mottoes, "If you eat us, we are food." "If you drink us, we are poison."

With these banners waving over the heads of the five hundred children—the drum corps ahead followed by Mr. May, and the children singing their temperance songs—the Army, as it marched through the town, presented an inspiring spectacle, and the town was completely converted, the rum shops being soon closed, with a single exception.

This he finally captured, and resolved to have a public execution of this last enemy. He arranged for a picnic in a grove owned by Mr. Samuel Hatch, procured the liquors from the man's shop and summoned his little army. We went in full ranks and were led by Mr. May to the top of a small hill, with banners waving and drums beating.

After a short address, he led us in singing, and then with his own hand took an axe and beat in the head of



each liquor barrel. As the contents flowed out on the earth such hurrahs and shouts went up as only boys and girls can give.

Mr. May's example and earnest words made such an impression that many who came under his influence never after tasted liquors of any kind, and when they became members of the Church refused the wine when offered at the Lord's Supper. In his own church he instituted the use of unfermented wine.

Well do I remember his active service in the Anti-Slavery cause, the deep impression he made of the awful iniquity of the entire system. He invited the Misses Sarah and Angelina Grimke to his home. They were very dark, and having been reared in slavery could neither read nor write, but they gave most eloquent Anti-Slavery lectures not only in his own church, but in the surrounding towns; and this, with his own inspired utterances, exerted a decided Anti-Slavery influence in the whole community.

He was much opposed to War, and formed a Peace Society, whose influence was widely felt. The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man were the central, practical and all inspiring principles and spirit of his ministry and life. These he labored for—prayed for—and these he

practised in every hour of his life.

Mr. May was a very devoted advocate of Education. Through his instrumentality several bright young ladies in his Parish were persuaded to go to the Normal School and become teachers, and eminently useful they proved themselves in their calling.

He was the Chairman of the School Committee of Scituate through nearly, if not all, his ministry there, and his influence in the District School is beyond estimation. A visit from a Committee Man, at that time, was an event of general dread to every scholar, but not so in regard to Mr. May. His presence was most welcome, and always a delight and inspiration to all. That genial, happy smile, his interest in the dullest as well as the brightest won all hearts and caused all to put forth their best efforts in the pursuit of thorough education.

And so, too, his visits in all the families of his Parish.—Always a most delightful welcome guest. No form or ceremony for him, but simple courtesy and the hearty welcome was to him the only desirable condition of a happy visit. Every home was his home, *all one family*.

He often visited two schools in one day; and frequently he visited the school at Ridge Hill in the forenoon, and wishing to

visit the one in our District in the afternoon, would come in just as we had finished dinner, and as if he had just arrived home, sit himself down at the *disorderly* table, would say—"Now, Mrs. Damon, I wish a little dinner; don't make any changes, only give me something to eat, for I want to get into School about the time it commences." And as it commenced at one o'clock there was not much time for ceremony.

And so, that great, grand soul was always a most welcome guest, even in the most humble dwelling of Scituate. He did not visit the *outside* of a friend or foe, though clothed with the most costly trappings that money can furnish, or skill devise, but the *soul* of sorrow or joy,—if in grief, to give hope and comfort,—if in joy, to direct to the real fountain of lasting peace and blessedness—thus making every home a real home of beatific life.

His six years of ministry in Scituate was one of the greatest blessings that Town ever enjoyed; his whole spirit and life came nearer the perfect pattern in Christ, than anyone it has ever been the privilege of your writer to enjoy.

His last sermon as Minister of the Society was preached Oct. 2nd, 1842. His text, from Philippians, 1st chap, 27th verse, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of

Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

In reverence of that Sacred life  
That filled all hearts with love,  
But now has joined the Angel band  
In peace and joy above—

We'll form anew a purpose strong,  
His spirit to possess;  
Of love for Man's great brotherhood,  
And by love's service—bless.

## ORDER OF SERVICES

at the  
INSTALLATION  
of

REV. SAMUEL J. MAY  
at Scituate, October 26th, 1836.

- I. Anthem.
- II. Introductory Prayer.  
By Rev. Charles Brooks of Hingham.
- III. Selections from Scripture.  
By Rev. Joseph Angier, of New Bedford.
- IV. Hymn, Selected.  
Oh! God, whose presence glows  
in all.
- V. Sermon.  
By Rev. Convers Francis of Watertown.
- VI. Prayer of Installation.  
By Rev. Josiah Moore of Duxbury.
- VII. Hymn, Original.  
By a member of the society.  
O, thou, whose chariot is the  
wind.
- VIII. Charge. By Rev. James Kendall, D. D., of Plymouth.
- IX. Right Hand of Fellowship.  
By Rev. Edmund Q. Sewall, of  
Scituate.

X. Address to the Society.

By Rev. Nathaniel Hall, of Dorchester.

Phipps, of Cohasset.

XII. Anthem.

XI. Concluding Prayer.

By Rev. Harrison G. O.

XIII. Benediction.

# BAPTISMS BY REV. WILLIAM WETHERELL.

(The first pastor of the South or Second Church, Scituate.)

Continued from June HISTORIA.

1652.

Experience ye daughter of Henry Adverd  
 Jeremiah ye son of Jeremy Burroughs  
 Miriam ye daughter of William Brooks  
 John ye sonne of Thomas King  
 Anna } ye daughters of Richard Courtis  
 Elizabeth }  
 Elizabeth ye daughter of Resolved White  
 Phebe ye daughter of Gilbert Brooke  
 Mary ye daughter of Will Hatch }  
 William ye sonne of W<sup>l</sup> Bastow }  
 Elizabeth ye daughter of W<sup>l</sup> Randall  
 John ye sonne of Mr. Joseph Tilden  
 Lydia ye daughter of John Turner Senior

1653.

John ye sonne of Humphrey Johnson  
 George ye sonne of George Bastow  
 Elizabeth ye daughter of Geo Sutton  
 Samuelli ye sonne of Walter Hatch  
 Mary ye daughter of James Adams  
 John ye sonne of Richard Courtis  
 Robert ye sonne of Rob<sup>t</sup> Studson  
 Samuel ye sonne of John Bryant  
 Thomas ye sonne of Thomas Robinson  
 John ye sonne of Jeremy Burrouges  
 Phoebe ye daughter of William Hatch

1654.

Hesther ye daughter of Richard Sylvester  
 Nathanell ye sonn of Richard Garrett  
 Jonathan ye sonne of James Torry }  
 Ruth ye daughter of Ephr Kempton. }  
 Josiah ye sonne of Resolved White  
 John ye sonne of John Turner }  
 Elisha ye sonne of Elisha Besbye }

1652.

Apr 18  
 May 23  
 June 6  
 June 27  
 July 4  
 July 4  
 Septbr 5  
 Octob 3  
 Octob 7  
 Jan 2  
 Febr 20

1653.

May 4<sup>th</sup>  
 June 12  
 Aug 28  
 Jan 1  
 Febr 5  
 Febr 5  
 Febr 28  
 Febr 28  
 Mar 5  
 Mar 5  
 Mar 19

1654.

Mar 26  
 May 11  
 Septbr 24  
 Octob 14  
 Octob 29

Rebecca ye daughter of Mr. Joseph Tilden	Febr 25
Job ye sonne of W <sup>m</sup> Randall	March 4
Margarer ye daughter of James Adams	March 18
Deborah ye daughter of W <sup>m</sup> Brooke	March 18
1655.	1655.
Nathan ye sonne of Thomas Turner	March 25
Bathsheba ye daughter of Gilbert Brooke	April 8
Martha ye daughter of W <sup>m</sup> Bastow	Apr 22
Mary ye daughter of John Stockbridge	Apr 29
Elizabeth ye daughter of James Doughty	May 27
Elizabeth ye daughter of Jeremy Burroughs	May 27
Joseph ye sonne of Humphrey Johnson	July 22
Israell ye sonn of John Turner Junior	
and grandchild to Humphrey Turner	Novemb 25
Mary ye daughter of Richard Garrett.	Decemb 30
Elizabeth } ye daughters of Nathaniel Rawlins	
Ruth } and grandchildren to Richard Sylvester	Febr 24
Jane ye daughter of Walter Hatch	Mar 9
1656.	1656.
Mary ye daughter of Richard Courtiss	Apr 6
Miles ye sonne of W <sup>m</sup> Parker	Apr 6
Lydia ye daughter of W <sup>m</sup> Parker	Apr 13
Daniel grandchild to our sister	
( ) and sonne to Daniel Pryor	July 6
Lydia ye daughter of W <sup>m</sup> Hatch	July 6
Hannah daughter of Nicholas Wade	Aug 3
Increase sonne to John Whetston }	
Elizabeth dau to Thomas Turner }	Aug 10
Susanna daughter to Resolved White	Novemb 9
Margarite ye daughter of Antony Dodson }	
Lydia daughter to Nathaniel Rawlins }	Novemb 23
Hannah daughter to Elisha Besbe	Dec 7
Mary ye daughter of John Adams of Marshfield }	
& great-grandchild to Widdow James }	Dec 14
Joseph ye sonne of Thos Robinson	Mar 8
Mary ye daughter of James Torry }	
Sarah ye daughter of Thos Ingham }	Mar 22
1657.	1657.
Joseph ye sonne of Mr. Joseph Tilden	Mar 26
Mary ye daughter of Jeremiah Burroughs	Apr 5
Elisha ye sonne of John Turner Senior	
Rebecca ye daughter of Gilbert Brooke }	
Martha ye daughter of James Doughty }	Apr 12
Benjamin ye sonne of Richard Sylvester	May 17

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# THE FIRST PARISH CEMETERY.

*Continued from June HISTORIA.*

(28) Benjamin Randall  
ye 3 son of Mr  
Benja Randall Jur  
& Mrs Hannah Randall  
who died May ye 3  
1753—(5) aged 14 months.

(29) In Memory of Benjn  
2<sup>d</sup> son of Capt Benjn  
Randall & Mrs Hannah  
his wife he died Feb ye  
29<sup>th</sup> 1780 Aged 2 years  
& 1 month.

(30) In Memory Of  
Mr Ebenezer Simmons  
who died August ye 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1784 in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of  
his age.

(31) Here lyes ye body of  
Desier Silvester Daughter  
of Mr Nehemiah and Mrs  
Mehetabel Silvester who  
died May ye 17, 1749  
aged 11 years

(32) In Memory Of  
Lieut Nathaniel Chittenden  
who died July ye 26<sup>th</sup>  
1796. Aged 44 years  
& 8 months.

(33) In Memory Of  
Temperance Foster  
daughter of Mr Elisha  
Foster & Mrs Grace  
his wife who died  
December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1786,  
aged 4 years  
wanting 6 days.

(34) Marcy Turner  
daughter to Mr  
Charles Turner D October  
ye 12 1737 in ye 3<sup>d</sup>  
year of her age.

(35) George Turner son of  
Mr Charles Turner  
who dyed May ye 27<sup>th</sup>  
1738 and aged  
1 month.

(36) Eunice Turner  
daugh<sup>tr</sup> to Mr  
Charles Turner  
dyed Octobr ye 29<sup>th</sup>  
1737 in ye 8<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.

(37) Erected in memory  
of Mr Charles Turner who  
died Octobr 3<sup>d</sup> 1782 aged  
77 years wanting 5 days.

(38) Here lies Mrs Eunice  
Widow of Mr Charles  
Turner who died  
Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1798 in ye  
92<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

(39) In Memory of  
Mr George Hatch  
who died June 15, 1810,  
in his 27— year.

(40) Here lyes the body  
of Demmeck Bowker son  
of Mr Lazarus & Mrs  
Abigail Bowker who died  
October ye 22, 1756, in  
ye 7 yr of his age.

- (41) Here lyes ye body of  
Mr Benjamin Stetson who  
dyed March ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1739,  
in ye 75 year of his age.

- (42) Capt Samuel Phillips  
born in Middletown  
and died in this town  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1832  
aged 59

- (43) Erected In Memory  
of Betsey Turner wife  
of W<sup>m</sup> Turner Esqr  
by her father Samuel  
Oakman. She died  
Aug the 28 1771  
in the 23<sup>d</sup> year of her age.  
(The above date nearly obliterated—  
may not be copied correctly on this  
account.)

- (44) In memory of Warren  
and Marcy a son and  
dau<sup>tr</sup> of Mr John and  
Mrs Deborah Hatch  
Warren died April 7, 1784, in  
his 10<sup>th</sup> year. Marcy died  
Decembr 12<sup>th</sup> 1793 in her  
10<sup>th</sup> year

- (45) In Memory of  
Samuel Oakman  
Hatch son to Mr John  
Hatch & Mrs Deborah  
his wife he died  
Septbr ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1795  
in his 17<sup>th</sup> year.

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many interesting articles; among  
them, "BOWKER STREET AND THE BOW-  
KER CEMETERY."

## DEANE'S HISTORY OF SCITUATE--A REPRINT.

The undersigned, being  
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ry of Scituate, intend to repro-  
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been out of print for many ye-  
ars. This valuable book  
has become so well known to  
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tiquarians, that it is useless to  
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## BOWKER STREET AND THE BOWKER CEMETERY.

**BOWKER ST.** THERE is no locality in our dear New England which has not some claim to historical recognition. Even this lonely street has traditions dating back to 1680. It connects Main Street, near the Nathaniel Brooks place, with Grove Street, formerly called Damon Street.

The old Dimmick Bowker house is situated on the southern slope of Bowker Hill, which is a very steep elevation over which the road climbs.

The Bowker farm was, in days gone by, one of the most extensive in the town of Scituate, and farming of the real old-fashioned kind was here carried on.

On the summit of the hill stood the David Bowker house long since torn down. The lilac bushes still grow beside the old foundation, and the grove of decaying apple trees tell of human thought and planning.

The view from this spot is charming, although scarcely a house or an acre of cultivated land can be seen. To the east one notices Hoop Pole Hill, near which Richard

Prouty settled in 1670. Several of this pioneer's grandchildren removed together to Spencer, Massachusetts, where many descendants now live. The Proutys of Ridge Hill and Scituate are also descendants of Richard.

The site of the David Bowker house is not readily located at most times of year, as shrubs and trees are growing very numerous on the border of the street, but in May the lovely blossoms of the "old homestead" flower of New England, the lilac, are delicate reminders of a household of years ago.

There were many children at this old house and none of them have remained in South Scituate. We believe that only two of David Bowker's children are now living, Mr. Edwin L. Bowker of Waltham, and Mrs. Laura Chapman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Old Bowker Street in its loneliness and desertion does not seem likely to have had much influence, in any way, upon the world. Still, if you will go into the city of Boston, you will find a business street in the northern part of the city proper, which

takes its name from a gentleman whose boyhood home was on the top of Bowker Hill, Scituate.

Bowker Street, Boston, was named for Mr. Edwin L. Bowker, the son of David Bowker, about 1870. It was, before that, Adams Street. Benjamin James, formerly of Scituate, was Chairman of the committee for naming streets (he being an Alderman from East Boston) and upon his recommendation the new name was given.

Bowker Street, Boston, and Bowker Street, Norwell, have nothing in common beside the name. The latter passes through a country the wildness of which seems almost primeval, while the former is bordered by massive manufacturing buildings, not the least important of which is the great marble working establishment of Bowker, Torrey & Co.

After David Bowker's family moved away from the old house, we are informed that it was occupied by a family by the name of Clapp of which Mr. Edwin Clapp, now of East Weymouth, was a member.

The first Bowkers settled near the northern end of the street. Deane says "James Bowker (from Sweden) was in Scituate 1680. His farm was laid out on the east of Burnt Plain and west of Samuel Bryant's land. His wife was Mary. His children were

James, Mary and Lazarus, the last two being baptized in the second Church, 1686; also Richard Edmund and Benjamin.

James succeeded to his father's residence. He married Hannah Lambert, 1717. His children were five sons and seven daughters.

Four of the sons settled near the original farm, viz: Lazarus, James, John and Edmund. Joseph removed to Maine.

BENJAMIN has left descendants here. RICHARD lived in Pembroke, and left sons."

Mr. Deane also says under the head of "Burying Grounds" "There is a burying ground of the family of Bowker near Burnt Plain, where several generations have been buried." This cemetery is located near the northerly end of Bowker Street and is wholly neglected. It is well enclosed by stone walls, and this was evidently done by some descendant of Elijah Bowker, as a substantial monument to this family is the only Bowker stone in the yard.

It is to be regretted that no more stones were erected. Partial explanation of this fact may be found in the evidence that there was an old tomb here which has been filled up.

If one pushes through the brambles which cover the yard he finds two slate stones

with these inscriptions:

In Memory of Miss Polly  
D. daughter of George  
and Polly Litchfield,  
who died August 17, 1835,  
aged 24 years, 2 mos, 16 days.

In Memory of Miss Eunice,  
daughter of John and Eunice  
Daman, who died Sept. 18,  
1835, aged 63 years 7  
mos and 15 days.

Two prostrate grave-stones,  
badly broken, are in memory  
of Reuben Sutton and his wife.  
There was an old house some-  
where on Bowker Street, we  
believe, which was known as  
the Sutton house.

Reuben Sutton  
Died May 15 1822,  
aged 43 yrs.

Sarah his wife  
died Jan 14, 1842  
aged 72 years.

We conclude this imperfect  
sketch of the Bowker neighbor-  
hood with the inscription from  
Elijah Bowker monument.

In Memory Of  
Father & Mother.  
Elijah Bowker  
born Nov. 18, 1764.  
Anny Sylvester  
born April 1, 1768.  
Father passed away 1812.  
Mother 1816.  
Also their children

Elijah born 1788  
Sally S born 1790  
John born 1792  
James S born 1794

Delight born 1796  
Charles born 1798  
Charlotte born 1801  
Rebecca born 1803  
Dorcasina born 1805  
Ruth born 1809

## A LETTER FROM MINNESOTA.

(Mrs. Thomas is descended from  
Williams Brooks. She left Scitu-  
ate in 1837 with her father's fam-  
ily.)

Lakeland, Minn, Mar. 12, 1899.

. . . . . I can't tell you  
much of Mr. Deane. I have been  
to his house for a school book,  
and went to meeting sometimes.  
Father and Mother belonged  
to his church and I have seen  
him occasionally. Once he  
came to our house to have fa-  
ther and mother go with him  
to the Delano home, to marry  
my father's uncle, Seth Stodder,  
to Hannah Sprague. I went  
with father and Mr. Deane,  
they seated me on a little  
cricket or footstool. . . . .

. . . They had other ministers  
after that, Mr. Holland of  
Boston and Samuel J. May.  
I was quite young when I  
used to go occasionally to  
the *old* church, near where  
the present one is. I was  
baptized in the old meeting-  
house, I think.

Your friend,

Eunice Thomas.

## COLLAMORE'S LEDGE

A re-production of an article which appeared in a local newspaper several years ago. It deserves careful reading.

The author is the well-known antiquarian, Charles Otis Ellis of Greenbush.

Off North Scituate beach lies a ledge, where at times the breakers lash with dismal roar, leaving the sea white with foaming crests, as the nearby watch tower casts its warning light. Then at times the water seems petrified like polished blue marble, tempting one to walk on its treacherous surface, as the billows softly roll with no hostile aspect towards a friendly shore.

On the 16th day of December, 1693, Capt. Anthony Collamore, with five persons, sailed from Scituate Harbor in a sloop laden with wood for Boston, and was cast away and all lost on this ledge, which has borne the name of Collamore ever since. Some 17 years ago there was found in the home of a lineal descendant of the 6th generation of Capt. Collamore, quaint elegiac lines on his death, styled "Threnodia, or a mournful Remembrance of the much to be lamented Death of the worthy and Pious Capt. Anthony Collamore." It is written by Deodate Lawson, the minister of the South Parish of Scituate, whose place of worship stood where now is an ancient burying ground in Norwell on the

hill near where the road leads to Union Bridge. There are 30 verses. They were printed at Boston by Bartho Green in 1694. A few of them I will make mention of—

"December last upon the sixteenth day,  
'Within the Harbor lay at Scituate  
'Some Loaden Boats to Boston bound away,  
'Which for Fair wind and weather  
there did wait.  
'Amongst the Rest was Capt. Collamore,  
'Whose sad disaster we must now  
Deplore.

'Some Boats with Sails expanded led the  
way  
'Out of the Harbor, and did fairly glide,  
'Thus one by one stood out into the Bay,  
'With wind at East North East and  
Flowing Tide.  
'The Captain in the Rere did Hoist up  
Sails,  
'And hasted after with a steady Gale.

'But Dangers great did quickly him Surprise,  
'The clouds did gather and obscure  
the Sun.  
'Winds whistled, Snow came thick and  
seas did rise,  
'And He was at a loss which way to run,  
'As did appear to some that were before,  
'Who quickly after saw the Boat no more.

'But on the Fourteenth day one did espv,  
'A Corps he judged was Captain Collamore,  
'Yet could not know Him for a certainty  
'By anything but by the Cloaths he wore,  
'His form and visage utterly was lost,  
'Having by waves and Rocks been so  
long tossed.

'In Scituate let each Inhabitant,  
'Greatly lament this worthy Person's  
fall,  
'Both Rich and Poor his Courtesy will  
want,

'Who still was ready to oblige  
them all.  
'It was to many by Experience known,  
'He valued others' good before his  
own.



'He was the Captain of the warlike train,  
'Love was his Banner, Love was his  
detence,

'Their Cheerful Service was returned again.  
'His Acceptation was their Recompence.  
'In that Great Company Command he bore,  
'Were mustered two hundred men and  
more,

'The North Society in Scituate  
'Hath lost a Leading Man and Loving  
Friend

'Who ready was with Person and Estate,  
'On every good Occasion help to lend.  
'His Care and Conscience plainly did appear  
'To settle and maintain God's worship  
there."

"It contains the blood of a Howard" is a comparison used in England, so high an esteem was held for that family through the various Dukes of Norfolk.

In New England we have families that need no comparison to a Howard. We will take for instance Capt. Collamore's descendants. We find in them the Judge, the physician, the merchant and on every war roll from the settlement of the country the name of Collamore appears. We see the upright Judge Collamore of Vermont Post-Master General under Pres. Taylor, and afterwards U. S. Senator from Vermont, who when presented with a horse returned it to its owner saying "no judge should receive a present." Senator Douglas when engineering the Nebraska bill in the interest of the slave holders said that Judge Collamore gave him more trouble than all the other opposition.

Among the physicians we find Dr. Anthony Collamore, a graduate of Harvard, and my esteemed friend Dr. Francis Collamore of North Pembroke, whose friendship I have enjoyed

for the past 25 years as secretary and treasurer of the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural society; Henry Collamore, our late Representative to the General Court; Davis Collamore a merchant of New York, whose fine herd of Jersey cattle was so highly prized; George Collamore, who was mayor of Lawrence, Kansas; the late J. H. Collamore, whose benevolence to his brethren of the mystic tie we have seen; I could make mention of many more of Capt. Collamore's descendants, but space forbids.

The grandson of Capt. Collamore's daughter, Elizabeth, was John Cleves Symmes, who was a colonel in the Revolution, Judge of Supreme Court of New Jersey, member of the Continental Congress, whose daughter married President Wm. H. Harrison, the grandfather of President Benj. Harrison. Through the kindness of Mrs. Briggs, of Neponset, a descendant of Capt. Collamore, I have received a copy of a letter from President Benj. Harrison, in which he acknowledged receiving the lines on the death of Capt. Collamore and said that he had heard through his grandmother Harrison of his great grandfather John Symmes. He expressed great thanks for the copy of *Threnodia*.

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It is a matter for congratulation that the Society of Mayflower Descendants has undertaken the publication of a quarterly "The Mayflower Descendant." It is issued from the Society's headquarters 623 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

# THE FIRST PARISH CEMETERY.

Continued from August HISTORIA.

Directly back of the Delano tomb is a large lot raised much higher than the surrounding ground. This mound contains the graves of Rev. David Barnes and Rev. Samuel Deane and members of their families. Mrs. Helen Deane Rockwell, whose home was in Chicago, she being the last surviving child of Mr. Deane, is buried here.

In this lot was also buried Madame Hannah Cushing, the widow of Hon. William Cushing the Justice of the Supreme Court, whom tradition says administered the oath of office to President Washington at the commencement of his second term. Mr. Cushing was buried, we understand, in the old Cushing tomb on Belle House Neck, near Greenbush.

The inscriptions from the Minister's Lot follow. The Barnes, Deane and Cushing monuments are of the old brick walled style with horizontal marble slabs at the top.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
THE REVEREND DAVID BARNES  
DOCTOR OF DIVINITY SENIOR  
PASTOR OF THE SECOND CHURCH  
OF CHRIST IN SCITUATE. HE  
WAS BORN AT MARLBOROUGH  
MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1731. GRAD-  
UATED AT HARVARD COLLEGE

1752. WAS ORDAINED DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 1754. DIED APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> 1811. AGED 80.

(46) ALSO TO THE MEMORY OF  
MRS RACHEL WIFE OF  
THE REVEREND DAVID BARNES  
AND DAUGHTER OF THE HON  
GEORGE LEONARD OF NORTON  
SHE DIED OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> 1805  
AGED 78.

JOHN MILTON DEANE BORN  
JUNE 13, 1816. DIED MAY 22,  
1832. HELEN MARIA DEANE  
BORN APRIL 9, 1819, DIED JUNE  
24, 1820.

REV SAMUEL DEANE BORN  
AT MANSFIELD, MARCH 31, 1784.  
ORDAINED AT SCITUATE OVER  
THE SECOND CHURCH FEB  
(47) 14, 1810. DIED AUG 9, 1834.

STELLA HIS WIFE DIED  
JAN 12, 1850, AGED 63 YEARS.

HELEM M WIFE OF DENNIS  
(48) ROCKWELL AND DAUGHTER  
OF REV SAMUEL DEANE.  
1821-1883.

THE REMAINS OF MADAME  
HANNAH CUSHING WIDOW  
OF HON WM. CUSHING, L.L.D.  
(49) LATE JUSTICE OF S. COURT  
OF U.S. REST HERE.  
DECEASED MAY 12, 1834,  
AGED 80.

IN MEMORY OF MISS MARY  
(50) STETSON DIED MAY 30, 1854  
AGED 90 YEARS.

We continue with stones  
which lie easterly and north-

easterly from the Minister's lot.

(51) Here lyes the Body of Mrs Abigail Bowker wife of Mr Lazarus Bowker who died July 16, 1768 in the 44<sup>th</sup> yr of her age.

(52) Here lyes ye body of Mr Isril Sylvester who dyed March ye 25, 1727 aged 8 yrs.

(53) In Memory Of Mrs Deborah wife of Mr John Hatch. She died June ye 11, 1799 aged 47 yrs & 5 mos.

(54) In memory of Mr John Hatch who died March 12 1819 in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age.

(55) Here lyes the body of Caleb Stetson son of Mr William Stetson who died December ye 5, 1750 aged 25 years.

Of course but a small fraction of the oldest inscriptions have yet been given.

## BAPTISMS BY REV. WILLIAM WETHERELL.

(The first pastor of the South or Second Church, Scituate.)

— Continued from August HISTORIA —

1657.		1657.
Elizabeth } ye children of		
Joseph } George & Elizabeth Vaughan		May 31.
Daniell }		
Thomas the sonne of William Brooke		June 28
John ye sonne of John Rogers Junr		Aug 23.
Benjamin ye sonne of Humphrey Johnson		Sept 20
Sarah the daughter		
John, Ralph the sonnes } of Ralph Chapman		Sept 27.
Grace, Hannah, the daughters } of John Phillips		Octob 4.
Joseph the sonne		
Timothy the sonne of Rob't Studson		Octob 11.
Benjamin the sonne of William Randall		Novemb 8.
Mary ye daughter of Thomas Robinson		Febr 28.
1658.		1658.
Martha ye daughter of Richard Courtis		May 2
Patience ye daughter of Nathaniel Rawlins		July 4
Benjamin the sonne of John Phillips		Aug 15.
Mary the daughter of Thomas Oldham		Octob 3.
John the sonne of Thomas Clappe		Oct 31.
Mary the daughter of Thomas Turner		Nov 7.
John the sonne of Geo and Elizabeth Vaughan		Nov 7

## BROOKS ISLAND.

Above Union Bridge there are not many islands in the North River marshes. Probably the largest one is the one situated north and east of Dwelley Creek. It is bounded on two sides by the creek, on the north by a large tract of marshes, and on the east by the "river meadows."

The island is entirely covered with wood and contains several acres.

Dwelley Creek was formerly called Till's Creek, and

this explains the following from the town records. William Brooks settled near here in 1644, and the island remained in the family until sold to Abial Turner in 1837.

May the 31<sup>th</sup> 1659,  
in a full Town Meeting -  
Given by the Inhabitants of  
the Towne of Sittuate unto  
William Brooke A Certaine  
Island of upland Lyinge in  
the marsh on the northerly  
side of the Creeke commonly  
called and knowne by the  
name of Till's Creeke.

## PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

After giving much thought to the subject I have decided that I must suspend HISTORIA for the present. I am glad to be able to place before you the sixth number and hope that the volume will prove of much historical value. I hope patrons will realize that it is almost impossible for me to give further time to this work at present. I should not have persevered in such exacting work so long had it not been for a personal resolve to preserve some of neglected history of South Scituate, even if at a sacrifice.

I am deeply grateful for all the help which has been given me. Several gentlemen have willingly done more than their share, thus making it possible for me to work with less apprehension of financial loss.

Thankfully acknowledging, also, the many kind and encouraging words, I remain

Yours respectfully,

Riverdale Farm,  
Norwell.

GEORGE C. TURNER.

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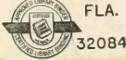






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